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1. ADB'S LENDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROGRAM FOR 1977 INCLUDES NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN PROCESSING OF WHICH SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. ALSO, IN COLLABORATION WITH ILO, BANK IS ORGANIZING WORKSHOP ABOUT MID-1977 WITH VIEW TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON APPLICATION OF LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD MAINTENANCE IN DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF BANK.

2. BANK HAS ALREADY APPRAISED SHA TIN URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN HONG KONG FOR LOW-INCOME GROUP HOUSING. DESIGNS OF PROJECT HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO SUIT LOCAL CONDITIONS AND TO ECONOMIZE COSTS.

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3. PROPOSED KHULNA-MONGLA ROAD PROJECT IN BANGLADESH HAS BEEN FORMULATED ON BASIS THAT LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE APPLIED USING MINIMUM LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. AGAIN, A NUMBER OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE PROJECTS ARE BEING PROCESSED IN INDONESIA, KOREA, PAKISTAN AND MALAYSIA FOR WHICH ENGINEERING DESIGNS WILL BE ADAPTED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS.

TA FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IN SRI LANKA IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. IN DESIGNING THIS PROJECT, IT IS INTENDED TO RECOMMEND SOMEWHAT LOWER STANDARDS SO AS TO MAXIMIZE USE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ELECTRIC POLES, AND USE OF LABOR AVAILABLE IN RURAL AREAS.

4. DURING FIRST HALF OF 1977, PROSPECTIVE \$30 MILLION LOAN TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (NDFC) OF PAKISTAN IS TO BE APPRAISED. NDFC HAS PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ENDOGENOUS DEVELOPMENT BY FINANCING PRODUCTION OF LOCALLY FABRICATED MACHINERY AND ENCOURAGING ITS PROCUREMENT AND UTILIZATION WITHIN PAKISTAN. BANK FINANCING IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE RECRUITMENT OF EXPATRIATE CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE NDFC ON FEASIBILITY AND FORMULATION OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES INVOLVING NEW INDUSTRIES AND TECHNOLOGIES APPROPRIATE TO PAKISTAN.

5. UNDER PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS TESTING FACILITIES PROJECT IN KOREA, NINE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS TESTING CENTERS WILL BE EXPANDED AND UPGRADED IN VARIOUS PROVINCES, AND FOUR LABORATORIES OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE WILL BE EQUIPPED TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH INTO PRODUCTION METHODS WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRODUCING PRODUCTS WHICH MEET ACCEPTABLE QUALITY STANDARDS. IN THIS SENSE, PROJECT WILL HELP PROMOTE RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.

6. IN THREE FISHERIES PROJECTS IN 1977 PIPELINE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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BANGLADESH, BURMA AND SUMATRA, INLAND FISHERIES WILL BE INTEGRAL COMPONENT. FISH PONDS OR FISH CAGES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY MANUAL LABOR. AS MAJOR CONSUMER WILL BE POORER SECTIONS OF POPULATION, INDIGENOUS FISH PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS SUN-DRYING, KILN-DRYING OR SALTING, WILL BE ADOPTED AND/OR IMPROVED INSTEAD OF USE OF REFRIG-ERATION COMPLEX. LOW COST TECHNOLOGY WILL BE USED IN BOAT CONSTRUCTION, WHILE SIMPLE WINCHES AND FISH FINDERS WILL BE USED IN FISHING METHODS.

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7. EAST SEPIK RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SERAJGONJ INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN BANGLADESH, BOTH APPROVED IN LATE DECEMBER 1976, PROVIDE FOR ACTION TO REMOVE ALL TYPES OF CONSTRAINTS INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT OF CULTIVATION PRACTICES, REMOVAL OF INSTITUTIONAL DEFICIENCIES AND UPGRADING OF SKILLS LEVELS AND HEALTH STANDARDS. IN CASE OF LATTER PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES HIGH AMOUNT OF CIVIL WORKS CONSTRUCTION, HIGHLY LABOR-INTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION METHODS WILL BE USED.

8. ASPECTS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY ARE ALSO PURSUED IN RESPECT OF AGRO-PROCESSING PROJECTS. UNDER PROPOSED TA FOR SEVANAGALA SUGAR PROJECT IN SRI LANKA, DIFFERENT TYPES OF TECHNOLOGY WILL BE ASSESSED TO DETERMINE MOST APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR COUNTRY. STUDIES ARE ALSO UNDERWAY WITH REGARD TO APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES AND SCALES OF OPERATION IN WOOD PROCESSING.
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